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SUBJ: CLASH AT "O SECULO"

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1. TWO FACTIONS -- ONE SUPPORTING PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY
(PCP) AND THE OTHER ALIGNED WITH SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) AND OTHER
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PARTIES -- FIGHTING OVER DEFINITIVE CONTROL OF LISBON DAILY

"O SECULO" HAD PHYSICAL CLASH NIGHT OF NOV 5. PCP GROUP, INSIDE "O SECULO" PLANT, REPORTEDLY HAD SOME MEMBERS INJURED WHEN OTHER FACTION, ON THE SCENE SEVERAL HUNDRED STRONG IN A DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE JOURNALISTS' SYNDICATE, SOUGHT TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE BUILDING AND THREW STONES AT THE WINDOWS. REPORTS CONFLICT AS TO WHETHER ARMS WERE FIRED FROM WITHIN AT THE "ATTACKERS" OR IN THE AIR BY MILITARY POLICEMEN. NEWSPAPER BUILDING REMAINED IN HANDS OF PCP GROUP, WHICH WAS JOINED IN FIGHT BY SOME LEFT-WING MILITARY MEN AND SYMPATHETIC POLITICAL PARTY "MILITANTS".

2. PCP FACTION BROUGHT OUT ANOTHER ISSUE OF THE PAPER ON NOV 6. FIRM'S THREE WEEKLY MAGAZINES REPORTEDLY WILL NOT APPEAR THIS WEEK, HOWEVER, AS OFFSET PRESS ROOM HAS BEEN PARALYZED ALL WEEK IN THE IN-FIGHTING.

3. COMMENT: THE "O SECULO" STRUGGLE CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF POLITICAL ISSUES OF THE WEEK, AS PCP GROUP -- THOUGH IN CONTROL OF MOST OF THE PAPER'S PHYSICAL PLANT -- WAS IN THE MINORITY IN AN OCT 27 REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE NEW MANAGEMENT FOR THE PAPER.
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